



Minutes of the Meeting of Cameron Community Council
Wednesday 15th April 2026
Cameron Parish Hall

Community Councillors Present: Audrey Harte (Vice Chair, acting as Chair), Martin Baird, Carole Stewart, Kimberley Bennett, Christine Clark, Joe Gough (New Member)

Ex Officio members present: None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Hugh Gillan, Innes Wright, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon, Cllr Alycia Hayes.

2. Matters Outstanding from Previous Meeting

Filling of Casual Vacancies remains a standard Agenda item, since additional non-voting members can be co-opted, particularly for their expertise on specific matters, and might be helpful to aid succession planning. The Chair extended a warm welcome to new member Joe Gough.

3. Community Police Team: Update

CCM Report St Andrews, Strathkinness & Cameron March 2026 was noted. There were no calls to/from the Police reported for Cameron. Particular attention was drawn to the DriveWise 65+ initiative which is aimed at drivers of 65+ years of age who would like to gain more confidence behind the wheel so that they can continue to drive safer for longer. There will be a session at St Andrews Fire Station on Monday 1st June and interest in securing a place can be registered at safercommunities.projectofficers@fife.gov.uk. The event flyer will be displayed on the two community noticeboards and offered to both Craigtoun and the Men's Shed, to advertise the initiative widely to the target demographic.

ACTION: SECRETARY

The Community Police Team details on the CCC website will be updated as previously minuted i.e. following the March 2026 Report receipt.

ACTION: VICE CHAIR & SECRETARY

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed off by the Vice Chair, as Acting Chair.

5. Matters Outstanding from Previous Meeting, Not Otherwise on This Agenda

None.

6. Planning Applications for CCC attention

For the record, it is noted that while Area Councillors can advise on administrative processes, they make no comment on any planning application being considered by CCC.

a) Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:

- Outstanding A&M Golf Plan Update: The Chair welcomed David Morgan of A&M Golf, who was very apologetic for any inconvenience caused by his inability to attend earlier

and for any inconvenience caused to local residents during the construction phase, which both A&M and their contractors were working very hard to minimise.

The construction project was making good progress after the exceptionally wet winter and the Resort was on schedule to be fully open by May 2028, with some member access by June 2027. The 10-hole Par 3 Course had been turfed and most heavy earth works for the Main Course should be completed by end May 2026.

David Morgan emphasised that once construction was completed, the Resort would be open for 6 months only each year. The Resort would provide a welcome new training hub, not only for hospitality but across the range of skills employed in the initiative, such as golf course and other asset care. It was envisaged that the Resort would create 80 new full-time roles throughout the year, rising to 230 at the height of the golf season.

David Morgan also confirmed the excellent news that A&M would be assisting Friends of Craigtoun in the much-needed dredging of the silted-up Ponds and offered to return to CCC at a later date to provide another update.

- 25/03431/EIA Stewart's Resort Extension: The Secretary confirmed that Montgomery Forgan Associates' response to CCC's objections to the planning application was only to be expected, in their role as Planning Consultants to Stewart's Resort. She had drawn the Planning Case Officer's attention to the curious seeming failure on the part of Royal Mail to deliver any Neighbour Notices of the planning application to permanent residents of the SR Retirement Village, at least one of whom had previously indicated their opposition to the expansion plan. None of these residents had formally objected to the application.

Analysis of the Non-Statutory Consultee Comments posted on the Fife Planning Portal revealed 52 such Objectors and 20 Supporters. Of the Supporters, only 3 resided in North East Fife, one being seemingly unaware of the holiday accommodation nature of the proposal, one being honest to admit their role as a letting agency partner to existing owners and one being potentially a supplier of services to the Resort. Virtually all of the 20 were understood to be employees of, suppliers to or aspirant investors in Stewart's Resort, many using (unattributed) quotations from Stewart's Resort publicity materials. The Objectors included neighbouring CCs St Andrews, Strathkinness and Largoward and the vast majority were local residents.

The information would be used in due course to brief all Cllr members of the North-East Fife Planning Committee as to the strength of local opposition. The date at which the application was to be heard at Committee was as yet unknown but would, when known, be confirmed with details as to how to join the meeting on-line. **ACTION: SECRETARY**

b) New matters

- 26/00566/CLP Lilabet Cottage Peat Inn KY15 5LH: Single storey extension to front of dwellinghouse was noted.
- 24/01711/CND016 Feddinch Mains: Compliance with Condition 16 of Planning Permission 24/01711/FULL - Scheme of Landscaping was noted.

7. Roads in CCC Area

The Secretary confirmed the surprise 30mph limits on the A915, queried with Fife Council on 6th March, yielding Service Enquiry 7QM1PY72-102001382969 but no answer, later referred on via Legal Services, had now yielded two results. The 30mph limits had finally been confirmed as

temporary, a side effect of the new golf course development phase, and CCC now have a second direct, potentially useful, contact in the seemingly impregnable Roads Department.

Nothing further had been heard on the matter of the Balone speed limit campaign.

8. Finance and Accounts

The Annual Grant Form 2026/27, for the sum of £500.56, had been received, with the claim to be placed by 31st December 2026. The Chair noted that the matter of mandatory Office Bearer positions did need to be resolved for the Applicants Declaration to be signed. The Secretary confirmed that the necessary Review & Implementation of the Revised Fife Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, that Scheme containing the details of mandatory appointments and other matters, was scheduled for the June meeting. The Vice Chair asked all members to carefully acquaint themselves with the details of the Scheme in advance of the June meeting. **ACTION: ALL**

The Treasurer confirmed the thorny matter of the Peat Inn Telephone Box Library: Fife's reallocation of insurance costs to CCC could potentially swallow a likely unaffordable 20% of funds, but details from Fife and elsewhere were awaited. The Secretary confirmed her meeting with the former Secretary, planned for 21st April, might fill in some of the missing detail and confirm the history of the adoption initiative. **ACTION: TREASURER & SECRETARY**

9. Craigtoun Park Update

Next update due October 2026. The recruitment process to find new volunteer Trustees to join the Friends of Craigtoun Board was noted.

10. Fife Councillors' Update

No Councillor was available on the evening.

11. AOCB

- **A Roadmap for Elmwood/ Conserving the past and building the future at Elmwood:** The two papers and the political support in place for the campaign to save Elmwood College was noted.
- **Updated Community Council Website – New Resources & Training Materials:** The Secretary confirmed she had had little opportunity to review the changes which could be explored at <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/about-your-council2/community-councils>.
- **Meeting of Fife (Community of) Community Councils March 2026:** The emerging focus on the use (or misuse) of Common Good Funds and Settlements Trusts intended for specific communities but now in the control of Fife Council was noted. No assets of this type in Cameron are held by Fife Council.
- **“New Powers for Scotland’s Community Councils?”:** The activist’s performance in recruiting 21 (of 1,200) CCs in Scotland was noted.
- **Democracy Matters:** The (9 years in the making) 18-page Route Map to Reform, published to no known fanfare on the SAG website in March 2026, was noted. The document, a challenging read, with its aim for more decisions to be taken locally in communities, acknowledged widespread disaffection with current systems offering poor or absent local accountability for all public bodies; statutory consultation fatigue; challenges with participation, recruitment and retention for CCs across Scotland; etc. etc.; yet offered no real route map nor solutions. It simply acknowledged the need to design a “phased empowerment pathway” and that such change would require Legislative Reform, Governance Redesign, Funding Reform and Community Capacity Building, amongst other factors, all very possibly unlikely within the foreseeable future. The Secretary noted with

interest that “the scheduled statutory review of local place plans in the second half of 2026 will also inform this work” and confirmed that Fife, with just 21 (of 105) LPPs registered now 2 years beyond the extended deadline, had by comparison seemingly performed well. Near neighbour performances were Perth & Kinross 3 (of 53), Edinburgh 3 (of 47) and Dundee 2 (of 18).

- **Crail Matters and Kingsbarns Eagle – ‘Understanding the Scottish Planning System’:** The useful guide at <https://bit.ly/4svwUcN> was noted. PDF copies are also available from crailmatters@gmail.com .
- **Network Rail: Thornton – Kirkcaldy Road Closure:** Network Rail’s 14-month closure of the road, approved by Fife Council on 17th February without recourse to the local community, whether business or residential, was noted, as was the appeal from Thornton CC for signatories to their petition at <https://www.change.org/ThorntonMainStreet> .

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Date of next meeting: 20th May, 2026